THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The matter is sub-judice.

Supreme Court decision on Agro Service Centres

3130. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in its judgement dated the 30th November, 1985 in the Agro Service Centres case had categorically said that the problems and the controversy involved in the Agro Service Centres matter can find an appropriate just and satisfactory conclusion if the Central Government addresses itself to the problem; and

(b) if so, what action had been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the directives of the Supreme Court, a scheme for rehabilitation of sick Agro Service Centres was filed in the Supreme Court in May, 1986.

Distribution of imported milk powder

3131. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi and Calcutta are getting priority in allotment of imported Milk Powder and Butter Oil by National Dairy Development Board and Bombay and Madras are neglected by it;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) the quantities of milk powder and Butter Oil allotted city/Dairy wise during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 ;

(d) whether Government would ensure equitable distribution of these commodities; and

(e) whether Government would ban all import to save valuable foreign exchange specially since imported milk products are going only to the affluent and milk vendors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) Delhi and Calcutta dairies draw their requirement of milk from the adjoining milksheds of neighbouring States and from other places under the National Milk Grid. The gap in the overall supply of fresh milk is being met by using skimmed milk powder and butter oil from National Dairy Development Board's pooled stock. The requirement of milk of Bombay and Madras dairies are being satisfactorily met by the milksheds of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively. The requirement of skimmed milk powder and fat is also met by these States' own milksheds/ dairies.

(c) A Statement indicating the dairy commodities issued to metro and other dairies during 1987-88 and 1988-89 is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 174).

(d) Allotment of commodities is made from NDDB's pooled stock on the basis of priorities such as demand for milk and milk products in the area, the current/expected level of fresh milk procurement, the availability of milk in the operational area of dairy and stock position of commodities with NDDB.

(e) Gift commodities comprising skimmed milk powder and butter

oil/butter are being received from European Economic Community (EEC) under an agreement for implementation of Operation Flood-III Programme. As an aftermath of the drought of 1987 the procurement of fresh milk by the organised sector dairies was adversely affected. Consequently the NDDB had to import some quantity of skimmed milk powder and butter oil on a commercial basis to maintain the milk supply by the dairies. These commodities are not being supplied to the affluent and milk vendors.

Affairs of Embryo Transfer Laboratory of National Dairy Development Board

3132. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that National Dairy Development Board for its Embryo Transfer Laboratory under Technology Mission called limited tenders from three foreign parties but one party refused to quote their rates by indicating that the specification of the equipment/chemicals indicated by NDDB were of such type that were outdated technology and quoted only M/s IMV France which had unsold stock of such equipments/chemicals;

(b) whether another party quoted the rates lower than the rates quoted by M/s IMV France, but NDDB bought these equipments/chemicals only from M/s IMV France;

(c) whether Government are aware that most of these equipments bought by NDDB are of no use either due to advanced technology or due to non-availability of proper man-power with NDDB and thus this laboratory of NDDB under department of Biotechnology of Government of India has become redundant; and

(d) whether Government propose to probe into the matter and take remedial measure in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected from National Dairy Development Board and the same will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as received.

Recommendation of L. K. Jha Evaluation Committee of Operation Flood II

3133. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the L. K. Jha Evaluation Committee on Operation Flood II has recommended that its resources should be going less freely for building up dairy, Cattle Feed Plants and other machineries and that the funds should be more generously deployed for improving the breeds of the animal, fodder, etc. so that all the capacities created in the various installations is fully utilised (Chapter 6, 17 and 14.10):

(b) what are the reasons that NDDB contrary to the above recommendations under Operation Flood III is funding much more freely in creating new dairy and cattle feed capacities although the existing ones are under utilised and the funds are going less freely for improving the breeds of the animals under Operation Flood III; and

(c) whether Government are planning for exercising its control more effectively to avoid unnecessary harmful and wasteful expenditure on expanding and creating new milk processing and milk drying facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERA-